



# HOBBITON™

• MOVIE SET •

WEDDING INFORMATION  
2018 – 2020



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## ∞ The story of Hobbiton™ ∞

In 1998, Sir Peter Jackson's team of location scouts were searching for the iconic rolling hills and lush green pastures of Hobbiton. An aerial search led them to the Alexander farm, a stunning 1,250 acre sheep farm in the heart of the Waikato. They noted the area's striking similarity to the Shire™, as described by JRR Tolkien, and quickly realised that the Hobbits had found a home.

In one particular part of the farm, a magnificent pine tree towered over a nearby lake, adjacent to a rising hill. Bag End now sits atop that hill, overlooking the Party Tree, as that pine would later be known. The surrounding areas were untouched; no power lines, no buildings and no roads in sight. This meant that that Sir Peter Jackson could leave the 20th century behind, and fully submerge himself in the fantasy world of Middle-earth™.

In March 1999, the crew began the nine month quest to bring the ideas for Hobbiton to fruition; help was provided by the New Zealand Army, and soon 39 temporary Hobbit Holes™ were scattered across the 12 acre plot used for the set. Secrecy was key, and strict security measures were put in place by the production company throughout construction and filming. Filming commenced in December 1999, and it took around three months to get a wrap on the Shire.

After an initial attempt at demolition, 17 bare plywood facades remained. These shells would serve as the catalyst that propelled Hobbiton forward into the public eye, with tours commencing in 2002.

In 2009, Sir Peter Jackson returned to film *The Hobbit* Trilogy, and he left behind the beautiful movie set you'll see today; 44 permanently reconstructed Hobbit Holes, in the same fantastic detail seen in the movies. There's an abundance of movie magic nestled inside the fully operational farm.







## ~ The wedding venue ~

Thank you for considering Hobbiton™ Movie Set as the location for one of the most important days of your life... your wedding day.

Hobbiton is a location like no other, creating a truly unique and memorable experience for your special day. We have created two beautiful, peaceful and private locations for your wedding ceremony. Say your 'I dos' in amongst the natural beauty of the Hobbiton gardens enclosed by some of the most impressive Hobbit Holes™ or, enjoy the wide open spaces of Yard Flat which offers a stunning view overlooking the set and iconic Party Tree. Both locations can be completed with authentic canvas tents and our remarkable handcrafted barrel bar to create a truly special celebration atmosphere.

After your ceremony, choose to celebrate your wedding reception in one of our two venues on offer. Step inside our masterfully recreated Green Dragon™ Inn as seen in *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* Trilogies to continue your festivities or, situated adjacent to the Green Dragon Inn is our Party Marquee – a fully themed, spacious venue which will provide your guests with a breath-taking atmosphere to remember.

Our professional function team appreciates that every couple will have differing expectations and will work with you to tailor a day to remember.

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss your wedding requirements in more detail, please contact [events@hobbitontours.com](mailto:events@hobbitontours.com)







## Our ceremony locations

### THE HOBBITON™ GARDENS

The gardens are a private and peaceful location in the heart of Hobbiton. This ideal wedding ceremony location will allow you to be immersed in our handmade gardens which are bursting with vibrant colour and rambling natural beauty. The gardens have a number of iconic Hobbit Holes™ littered in the nearby hillsides and are a sensational choice for couples that desire a unique and intimate setting.

After the 'I dos', the gardens are the perfect location for champagne and canapés while the happy couple have photos with friends and family.

### YARD FLAT

Yard Flat is a spacious private location situated on top of the iconic Hobbit Holes providing a stunning view over the movie set towards the lake and iconic Party Tree. With the wide open space and luscious green grass, this wedding location can be adapted and altered to suit your wedding setup needs making for the perfect wedding in The Shire™. After the 'I dos', celebrate in true Middle-earth™ style as the garden bar stretches out towards the set, making for the perfect setting for guests to enjoy champagne and canapés whilst admiring the stunning view.

*With prior consultation we are happy to provide small canvas marquees for sunshade and wooden bench seats for your guests. The marquees also offer the perfect solution for cover to ensure this stunning location can still be enjoyed in the rain.*







## Reception venues

### THE GREEN DRAGON™ INN

The Green Dragon Inn is a fully reconstructed replica of the pub featured in the Trilogies, which has been masterfully recreated creating an unforgettable venue for your special day. This exceptional, exclusive venue is perfect for you to enjoy your wedding reception as you indulge in our exclusive Southfarthing™ ale, cider and ginger beer and enjoy a dinner fit for a Hobbit from our professional in-house catering team.

The Green Dragon Inn is a fully themed venue where guests can enjoy their delectable dinner in the main dining area or head down to bar area to enjoy a dance. With open indoor and outdoor fireplaces this venue encourages your guests to spread out between the spectacular interior or beneath the outdoor glowing lanterns making for a truly magical wedding reception.

### The Green Dragon Inn and Party Marquee capacity information

	Green Dragon Inn	Party Marquee	Green Dragon Inn & Party Marquee
Seated*	80	220	300
Cocktail*	150	250	400

Venues available in conjunction with a Hobbiton Movie Set tour. \*Maximum numbers, per head, per room. The Green Dragon Inn is only available for exclusive use in the evening after the last tour of the day.







## Reception venues

### THE PARTY MARQUEE

The Party Marquee is a stunning, spacious venue for larger wedding parties. The painted canvas exterior, vibrant bunting and colourful lanterns allows your group to be immersed in the festive magic of the movies while you celebrate your special day.

The Party Marquee is situated adjacent to the Green Dragon™ Inn and is placed upon the hillside providing an exquisite view for all guests. Like the Green Dragon Inn, the Marquee has a fully licenced bar and catering is tailored to your menu choice by our professional in-house team.

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## Sample timings

- 3.30pm Buses to pick up guests from a prearranged, agreed location
- 3.45pm Groom, groomsmen and celebrant arrive and head to ceremony location
- 4.00pm Guests arrive at *Shire's Rest™* and bus into the ceremony location
- 4.30pm Bride, bridesmaids and photographer arrives and the ceremony commences
- 5.15pm Ceremony concludes. Family photos, canapés and champagne in the garden
- 5.45pm Bridal party leave for photos around the set. The guests begin their guided tour of Hobbiton™ Movie Set
- 6.45pm Guests arrive at The Green Dragon™ Inn and canapés are served in the outdoor area
- 7.15pm Guests are seated, MC announces the arrival of the bridal party
- 7.20pm MC introduction and speeches begin
- 7.30pm Main course is served
- 8.15pm Speeches
- 8.45pm Dessert is served
- 9.15pm Cutting of the cake, followed by first dance
- 11.30pm Last drinks are served
- 12.00am Guests to depart

Please note that the above is a guide only and timings are dependent on the time of year. The wedding coordinator will work with you to tailor a day to suit your requirements.







## Wedding information

Venue hire for wedding and reception	\$6000.00
Wedding ceremony hire	\$3000.00
Wedding reception hire	\$3000.00
Hobbiton™ tour and admission	\$84.00 per person
Green Dragon™ Inn	up to 80 guests
Party Marquee	up to 200 guests

**Beverages:** an extensive Green Dragon beverage list is included in this pack. All beer and cider served at The Green Dragon Inn is our exclusively crafted range. We do not offer BYO.

**Transport:** a bus will be provided from the car park at *Shire's Rest™* Cafe to the movie set free of charge. Transport is available to the set from your accommodation, please inquire for a price. Unless pre-arranged we do not allow private vehicles into Hobbiton Movie Set.

### **Venue hire includes:**

- Use and set up of the chosen Hobbiton Movie Set location
- Access and exclusive use of The Green Dragon Inn at the conclusion of the day's final tour (please inquire for times) until midnight.
- Access to the marquee is available after the last tour group has departed
- Use of Hobbiton equipment including tables, chairs, cutlery, crockery, glassware and linen (Additional items requested will be charged to the final account with prior arrangement).
- Two prior onsite consultations
- Onsite co-ordination of your wedding on the day
- Use of in-house PA and sound system
- Printing of supplied seating plan







## Buffet menus

### STANDARD BUFFET

Four canapés

Fresh Hobbiton™ breads and Green Dragon™ spreads

Two meat selections from the mains

Three vegetable and salad dishes

Two desserts

**\$75 per person**

### PREMIUM BUFFET

Five canapés

Fresh Hobbiton breads and Green Dragon spreads

Two meat selections from the mains

Four vegetable and salad dishes

Three desserts

**\$80 per person**

### DELUXE BUFFET

Six canapés

Fresh Hobbiton breads and Green Dragon spreads

Three meat selections from the mains

Five vegetable and salad dishes

Four desserts

**\$90 per person**







## Canapés

### HOT

Lamb rissole top with caramelised onion and cheddar cheese g/f

Roast pork slider with apple cider braised cabbage d/f

Crumbed brie bites with spiced plum sauce

Kranski sausage wrapped with mustard and puff pastry

Corn and herb fritters served with a smoky stout chutney d/f vegan

Chicken tulips (drumettes) with satay sauce d/f g/f

### COLD

Puff pastry and chorizo with a fresh herb sponge

Hummus filled tomatoes with feta g/f vegan

Yorkshire puddings with horseradish cream and roast beef

Prawn and tomato tarts

Smoked salmon mousse on crispy crostini

### SWEET

Mixed board of NZ Cheeses, breads and Dips

Fruit platter d/f g/f

Assorted mini tarts

Chocolate truffles g/f







## Buffet selection

*All menus are served buffet style to suit the theming of the venue*

### TO START

Fresh Hobbiton bread with Green Dragon™ spreads

### MAIN COURSE

Roast chicken with sage and walnut stuffing

Scotch fillet of beef served with red wine sauce

Roast ham glazed with brown sugar and clove

Roast lamb with rosemary crust served with a mint sauce

Baked fresh fish served with tartare sauce

### VEGETABLES AND SALADS

Garlic roast mushrooms and onions

Steamed carrots, broccoli, cauliflower and capsicum

Roast vegetable medley with kumara, pumpkin and carrot

Mint buttered peas and carrots

Herb roasted potatoes

Garden fresh green salad

Kumara and citrus salad

Marinated tomato and red onion salad

Roast pumpkin, bacon and feta salad

Coleslaw with ricotta and lemon dressing

### DESSERTS

Apple and cherry crumble with crème anglaise

Berry trifle

Hot chocolate fudge cake served with whipped cream

Seasonal fresh fruit salad

Pavlova topped with whipped cream

Profiteroles

Decadent rhubarb and port cheese cake

*Please note: dishes may alter due to seasonal influences and supply. Any changes will be communicated to you prior to your planned event.*







## Beverages

### TAP BEVERAGES

All tap beverages are crafted specially for Hobbiton Movie™ Set and can only be purchased from Hobbiton Movie Set.

#### Tumbler

350ml served in The Green Dragon Inn's ceramic tumblers

Girdley Fine Grain	Amber Ale Beer	\$6
Oat Barton Brew	Traditional English Ale	\$6
Sackville Cider	Alcoholic Apple Cider	\$6

### SPIRITS

The Green Dragon has an extensive range of spirits and mixers available. If you prefer a specific brand or spirit please enquire — we are happy to obtain a price for you.

### NON-ALCOHOLIC

Frog-Morton Ginger Beer	\$4
Coca-Cola range (Coke, Sprite, L&P)	\$4
Keri Premium Orange Juice	\$4

### BEVERAGE PACKAGES

Southfarthing™ Range, Middle Earth wine and non-alcoholic range	
One hour package	\$25 per person
Two hour package	\$35 per person
Three hour package	\$45 per person
Four hour package	\$50 per person







## Wine list

### WHITE WINE

	Bottle	Glass
Middle-Earth Sauvignon Blanc	\$35	\$7
Mills Reef Reserve Sauvignon Blanc	\$50	\$9
Mills Reef Chardonnay	\$35	\$7
Mills Reef Reserve Chardonnay	\$50	\$9
Middle Earth Pinot Gris	\$35	\$7
Mills Reef Reserve Pinot Gris	\$50	\$9

### RED WINE

Middle-Earth Pinot Noir	\$40	\$7
Mills Reef Reserve Pinot Noir	\$55	\$9
Mills Reef Merlot Cabernet	\$40	\$9
Mills Reef Reserve Merlot	\$50	\$9
Mills Reef Reserve Syrah	\$55	\$9
Middle-Earth Pinot Meunier Rosé	\$30	\$7

### SPARKLING

Mills Reef Non-Vintage Methode Traditionelle	\$40	\$9
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# Terms and conditions

## RESERVING YOUR DATE

To reserve your date we require confirmation in writing and a non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 is required. We do accept pencil bookings which can be held for up to two weeks.

## TOURS

Because of the location of our venues and our contracts with the film company, it is not possible to use the venues without doing a tour.

## FINAL NUMBERS

For catering purposes, final numbers are required seven days prior to your wedding day. The final numbers will be the minimum number invoiced for.

## FOOD AND BEVERAGE

All prices are current at the date of publishing; confirmation of prices will be confirmed six months prior to your wedding.

## DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We cater to all dietary requirements. Any dietary requirements that apply to your group must be advised seven days prior to your chosen date.

## GUEST ARRIVAL

All guests must arrive at the pre-arranged time to ensure they catch the correct bus on to the Movie Set as no private vehicles are allowed onto the Movie Set.

## DECORATIONS

Additional decorations can be added to the reception venues with prior consultation. Table decorations must be organised, numbered and all set up for event staff to place on tables. All set up in the Green Dragon™ Inn can only be done after the last tour of the day has departed.

## DAMAGES

Hobbiton Movie™ Set will not be held responsible for any losses or breakages. Clients are responsible for all damages caused to Hobbiton Movie Set's property and equipment, including any losses, even if caused by guests of the client. Consultation will be made prior to charging your account.

## BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

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